(c) The approved cost of the Pilot project is Rs. 164.35 crores.

(d) The transmission is expected to commence during 2004.

Vacant Posts

†2112. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the posts vacant in his Ministry and since when;

(b) the reasons therefor and also the reasons for not filling up of these vacancies; and

(c) by when, Government would fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) A total number of 18 posts are vacant in the Ministry. The details of occurrence of the vacancy, reasons therefor and steps taken to fill them are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Details of Vacancies in the M/o Information and Broadcasting

Name of the Post	No. of vacant posts	Date of occurrence of vacancy	Reasons for occurrence of vacancy and also reasons for not filling up the vacant posts
1	2	3	4
Joint Secretary	1	21.11.03	Transfer of incumbent. Substitute has already been selected and is likely to join shortly.
Director/Deputy Secretary	2	(i) 14.10.03 (ii) 20.10.03	(i) Completion of tenure of the incumbent. (ii) Proceeding on foreign training of the incumbent. Both the posts are being filled under Central Staffing Scheme and Department of Personnel & Training has been requested to send panel for this purpose.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
Under Secretary	1	20.903	Proceeding on foreign training of the incumbent. Department of Personnel & Training have been requested to post a substitute and he may join shortly.
Accountant	1	01.09.03	Repatriation of the incumbent. The substitute has been selected and is likely to join shortly.
Upper Division Clerk	1	10.02.03	Deputation of incumbent. The recruiting agency, namely Department of Personnel & Training has been requested to nominate substitute
Lower Division Clerk	3	(i) 15.10.03 (ii) 15,10.00 (iii) 21.11.03	Resignation of the incumbents. The recruiting agency, namely Department of Personnel & Training has been requested to nominate substitutes.
Counter Clerk (Department Canteen)	1	29.08.03	Promotion of the incumbent.
Peon	5	(i) 13.02.03 (ii) 13.02.03 (iii) 09.05.03 (iv) 01.06.02 (v) 08.11.02	(i) to (iii) promotion of the incumbents to the higher grade. (iv) Superannuation of the incumbent. (v) Selection of the incumbent to the post of Driver. These are all direct recruitment posts and filling up of these posts is subject to clearance by the Screening Committee
Bearer	1	12.05.03	Death of the incumbent. It is also direct recruitment post and subject to clearance by Screening Committee.
Wash Boy	2	(i) 13.02.03 (ii) 06.02.01	Promotion of the incumbents. These are also direct recruitment posts and filling up of these posts is subject to clearance by the Screening Committee.

Introduction of National Urdu Channel on DD

2113, SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the public demand for introduction of National Urdu Channel of the DD;